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Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004

Fifth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee has considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/3) on the request for a subvention of $227,600 to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) resulting from the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2004.

2. The subvention is used to cover the costs for the Director and administration. The Committee was also informed that for 2004, as has been the case since 2002, the subvention has been cost-adjusted to take into account inflation and currency changes.

3. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the note by the Secretary-General, the proposed programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2004-2005, under section 4, Disarmament, contains a provision for $473,700 representing the United Nations subvention to UNIDIR for 2004-2005.

4. **The Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the request of $227,600 for UNIDIR for 2004; no additional provision would be required under section 4 of the proposed programme budget for 2004-2005.**

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